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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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DESPATCH BY HAIG.

GRAVELY ANXIOUS TOWARDS THE END.

London, January 7.
A 24-page Gazette has been issued, containing Field-Marshal Haig's despatch dated December 21, covering the period since the termination of the great defensive battles on the Somme and the Lys.

It states that last April the German attacks, though unsuccessful, had stretched the Allies' resources to the uttermost. The possibility of an immediate renewal of the enemy offensive was viewed with grave anxiety. On the other hand the enemy undoubtedly suffered severely, but possessed sufficient superiority of force to retain the initiative, which, however, he could not afford to delay applying owing to the increasing growth of the American Army.

WAITING FOR REINFORCEMENT.

The British military policy was to maintain an active defence until an equilibrium of strength had been reached. The complete success of the Allied counter-attack near Soissons on July 18 marked the turning-point of the campaign. After that the initiative lay with the Allies.

At this point and in this connection, says Marshal Haig, "I should like to pay my personal tribute to the foresight and determination of the French Marshal, in whose hands the co-ordination and action of the Allied armies was placed."

The despatch proceeds to describe the steps taken during the period of active defence to repair the effects of enemy breaches in the defensive system.

ENGINEERS BUSY.

It then shows how in consequence of enemy fire commanding important railway junctions, the Allies undertook a comprehensive programme of railway construction in order to render traffic between the North and the South independent of Amiens. This involved the laying of 200 miles of broad gauge track between April and July. The new defensive works involved the digging of 5,000 miles of trench. Meanwhile the fighting troops severely harassed the enemy on the Lys sector, delaying and ultimately preventing the renewal of the German offensive there.

But the outstanding feature of the events described in the despatch is Marshal Haig's own account of the great series of British victories won between August 8 and November 11.

ENEMY FINALLY BEATEN BEFORE ARMISTICE.

"At Arras and Bapaume, in breaking the Procrustean and Hindenburg systems, before Le Cateau and on the Selle, in Flanders and on the Sambre, the enemy was again and again brought to battle and defeated. He was finally defeated in the great battles of November 1 and November 4, and utterly without reserves at the date of the Armistice, he was falling back without a coherent plan in widespread disorder and confusion."

The Field-Marshal, in a further reference to the situation when hostilities ceased, states that by the end of October the British Armies were in a position to prevent the enemy's withdrawal to shorter lines, and the British were able to force an immediate conclusion.

GERMANY INVADIED BUT FOR ARMISTICE.

The despatch declares that the principal British attack was to have taken place on November 1, after Valenciennes was captured. "In the fighting on and subsequent to that date we broke the enemy's resistance beyond the possibility of recovery. The enemy thereafter was neither capable of accepting or refusing battle. The Allies' strategic plan was realised with a completeness rarely seen in war, and when the Armistice was signed, the enemy's defensive powers were already definitely destroyed. A continuance of hostilities could have meant only disaster to the German Armies, and an armed invasion of Germany."

DESPATCH BY HAIG.

GLORIOUS ANNALS.

Here is an eloquent passage: "In three months of epic fighting, the British Armies in France brought to a sudden and dramatic end the great wearing-out battle of the past four years. The confidence of our troops throughout these years of strain never wavered. The annals of war hold record of no more wonderful recovery than that which, three months after the tremendous blows showered upon them on the Somme and the Lys, saw the undefeated British Armies advancing from victory to victory, finally forcing the erstwhile triumphant enemy to acknowledge his unconditional defeat."

In the decisive contests of the period covered, Marshal Haig says the British attacked the strongest and most vital parts of the enemy's front, cut his lateral communications, and fought the best divisions to a standstill. On different battle fronts, 187,000 were taken prisoner, 2,850 guns, 29,000 machine-guns, and 3,000 trench-mortars were captured. These results were achieved by 50 British divisions, which engaged and defeated 90 separate German divisions in three months.

MILITARY DOCTRINE UPSET BY PLUCK.

Despite the accepted military doctrine that in good defensive positions any given force can hold up a considerably greater attacking force (and this our defence proved in March and April), yet when the tide of battle turned and the British attacked, completely destroying the German resistance, the British were numerically inferior to the defeated German forces. This he attributes to the "most magnificent spirit" of our men.

PRaise FOR INFANTRY.

Referring to the Infantry, the despatch says: "Despite the enormous development of mechanical invention in every phase of warfare, the place which the infantryman always held as the main substance and foundation of an army is as secure to-day as at any period of history. The infantryman remains the backbone, defence, and spearhead of attack. At no time has the reputation of the British infantryman been higher, or his achievement more worthy of his renown. No praise can be too high for the valour they have shown, and no gratitude too deep for the work they accomplished."

CAVALRY STILL USEFUL.

Marshal Haig also refers to the unsurpassable work of the Artillery and Cavalry. He says that the recent fighting showed that Cavalry was still a necessary arm of modern war. The despatch also contains tributes to other arms, including the Gas Service, which discharged between March and November 2,250 tons of gas and carried out 801 separate operations. Also to the Forestry Corps, which in the year ended October 31 cut 2,500,000 tons of timber for the Anglo-French armies.

It concludes with a reference to the harmonious relations with our Allies, which were undimmed by any hint of discord or conflict of interests or ideals. The Field-Marshal says he will later submit a final despatch dealing with the advance to the Rhine and the occupation of the Cologne bridge-head.

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PRESS REFERENCES.

London, January 7.
The French Press expresses keen regret at the death of Theodore Roosevelt, whose unbounded popularity made him the most picturesque American figure in France. Paris has not forgotten his address at the Sorbonne years ago, when he made a noble exposition of the duties of a citizen.

M. Pichon sent a message to Mrs. Roosevelt mentioning that France's grateful for the way Mr. Roosevelt upheld her cause in the worst crisis. He did it in a way never to be forgotten. (Havas).

ALLEGED TRAITOR DEAD.

London, January 7.
M. Turmel, the Deputy for Guin camp, who has been 18 months in prison on a charge of having relations with the enemy, is dead. (Havas).

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WAR GRAVES.

HANDSOME BEHAVIOUR OF DOMINIONS.

London, January 8.
At a meeting of the Imperial War Graves Commission, at which Mr. Long presided, all the British Overseas representatives were present. The chairman stated that all the Overseas Governments had unreservedly agreed to bear a share of whatever expense might be involved in worthily honouring the memory of their dead. The commission was therefore free to discharge the task in an ungrudging and unignominious spirit.

The commission adopted a recommendation that the most suitable method of honouring those whose graves were not found or identified would be to place a tablet appropriately inscribed in the cemetery near the spot where they were believed to have been killed. It is estimated there will be at least a thousand of such cemeteries.

The commission decided to ask the Indian Government to formulate proposals for the establishment of an agency in India for the care of British war graves there.

The commission warmly thanked the Union of South Africa Government for their most generous offer to meet the entire cost of maintenance of the cemeteries and to make provision for memorials to the officers and men of the Imperial Forces who had died within the Union.

AGITATION AMONG SOLDIERS.

"WAR STILL ON."

London, January 7.
At the War Office at 3.15 to-day five or six lorries arrived, filled with soldiers from Kempton Park. They drove past the War Office, left their lorries, and assembled in the War Office quadrangle. They demanded to see a responsible official.

Major-General Fielding addressed them as Commander of the London District. He absolutely declined to consider their demands, which he said must be submitted to their commanding officer. He reminded them that the war is still on. Although we had won the war, we might lose the peace. He said he knew this trouble had been fomented by a few agitators. Most of them would be punished if they knew the danger in which they were placing the country.

The men then quietly dispersed.

BRITISH DEMOBILIZATION.

ONLY PARTIAL AS YET.

London, January 7.

The Army Council announces that no officer or soldier will be permitted to proceed to England on leave from France except on the distinct understanding that he returns to his unit on the expiration of his leave, and will not be demobilised during the period of such leave. Experience has shown the necessity for this order to ensure the maintenance of the army of occupation. All officers and men now on leave from France will be demobilised if they are pivotal men assured of civil employment and belong to the industrial groups opened for demobilisation, and if they can be spared from the army.

The same privilege is accorded to all ranks on leave from the other expeditionary forces if they are similarly qualified.

Men serving in Home units cannot be demobilised during leave.

ARMISTICE COMMISSION.

ITS RIGHT TO ENFORCE ITS ORDERS.

London, January 8.
Before the Armistice Commission, Marshal Foch affirmed the right of the Commission to establish military commands and police forces to control the execution of the Navigation Commission's orders. (Havas).

FRENCH FLOODS.

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1. That as regards all the unofficial members of the said Council (other than the two Chinese nominated members) the principle of election instead of nomination shall be applied;

2. That the number of unofficial members shall be increased from 6 to 9, and that the number of official members shall remain as at present, namely, 8.

3. That of the seven elected unofficial members (all of whom shall be British subjects) two shall be elected by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce; one by the Justices of the Peace; three (two of whom shall be of British race and one of Portuguese race) by British subjects who are jurymen, or are qualified for, but exempt from jury service; and one by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, or some other body representative of the Chinese community;

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The extended use which has been made of tractors during the past year or so has helped considerably; but notwithstanding this it is estimated that it will be necessary to import about 2,350,000 tons of wheat and maize during the year 1919. Important orders have been placed in the United States for agricultural tractors, but owing to the shipping situation at least one quarter of this order has had to be cancelled. This situation has induced the Italian engineering firms to seriously study the question of agricultural tractor production. The Fiat Company, being the national automobile concern of Italy, was the first to realize the importance of this and a few weeks ago brought out the first of a series of agricultural tractors specially designed for the very varied conditions pertaining in Italy.

After having been very thoroughly tested privately, the first public demonstrations of this tractor took place recently in the valley of the Po, about twenty miles from Turin. Realizing the educational value of these trials, the civil and military authorities gave every facility for interested persons to be taken out to the demonstrating ground in order to follow the work of the machines. Temporarily relaxing the pistol restrictions, a continuous service of motor buses was maintained from Turin and the surrounding villages to the demonstration ground, thus allowing many thousands of agriculturalists to get their first practical acquaintance with the motor tractor on the land.

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1913 1,781,761

1914 995,475

1915 2,216,108

1916 1,601,212

OUR DEBT TO ANCIENT INVESTIGATORS.

It was an eminent French mathematician who reproved one of his pupils for commencing a demonstration with "It is known that." "Quite true," was the comment. "But who taught all too the fact?" We are, perhaps, all too prone to accept as a matter of course our inheritance as heirs of all the ages, and to be slow to recognize the immensity of our debts to bygone generations of investigators. Their work may have been conducted with crude appliances, such as to excite the contempt of the youthful student in a modern laboratory, and their rough approximations, have long been superseded by figures obtained later by men often of smaller mental calibre, and there is thus much danger that as time goes on even important pioneering work may fade into oblivion. It is well therefore that we should occasionally be presented with such an historical survey of certain fields of research as that which Professor Unwin opened on "The Mechanical Properties of Materials," which he delivered to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers last Friday. The task could not more aptly have fallen into better hands. As Professor Unwin's assistant, Prof. Unwin was associated with much of the pioneering in this field, and his extensive reading and well-known familiarity with foreign as well as domestic investigations, combined with his practical knowledge, eminently fitted him for the task.

Galileo, the lecturer stated, was the first to experiment on the strength of materials. This he did in 1638. Some ninety years later in 1729 Muschenbroek published the results of a whole series of determinations of the tensile strength of materials which he had carried out at Leyden. Prof. Unwin showed to the meeting illustrations of the kind of specimens and of the clips used in these experiments. A noticeable feature was the use of square shoulders between the bodies and ends of the specimens, which, apart from this defect, were of very much the same shape as that used to-day. The type was certainly a great improvement on those (also illustrated by the lecturer) used by Fontenelle in 1702. On the theoretical side Robert Hooke formulated his famous law in 1638, and Young deduced his elastic modulus in 1807. The familiarity of these latter names in comparison with the general ignorance of the above-mentioned experimental work of Galileo, Fontenelle and Muschenbroek illustrates again how much is continually being forgotten through our neglect of the scientific data. "Engineering

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 9, 1919.

TO-NIGHT'S MASS MEETING.

As announced in yesterday's "China Mail," the resolutions to be submitted at to-night's mass meeting in the Theatre Royal are not the same as those first published. The discussions in the newspapers and elsewhere, including the points brought up by Mr. Lau Chu-pak at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, have moved the leaders of the Constitutional Reform Association to make some amendments in a laudable spirit of compromise.

Very plainly, the situation is one calling for a great deal of that spirit. The elementary principles that have been cited in justification of this demand for a change in our system of government have been advanced as principles only, not as a programme. No one at present is in the mood to suggest that Self-Determination, No Taxation without Representation, and the like, are ideals to be mooted as practical issues in this Colony. To see the Right, and to do it regardless of consequences, is no motto for to-day's Hongkong politician. He is, to be quite frank, a champion of the Right which is also Expedient. That is really the whole point for to-night's meeting, to prove that this partial movement in the right direction is expedient. Reformers of the impatient type, and those who are the sequacious mouthpieces of mere phrases, will talk of "half measures," and be answered, if they be, by others who think in adages, that "half a loaf is better than no bread." Such is the condition of that mental process which depends upon these crystallizations of wisdom, so common to mankind, and so irritating to the colder, more original thinker.

It is all a matter of degree, and the disinterested onlooker, who we hope numbers in Hongkong, than the promoters perhaps realize, and whose verdict will be their strongest support, encouraging the conservative disinclination of officialdom to change. Any man will complain, and take measures for relief, who

feels the discomfort of tight boots. But it is hard to awaken interest, much less enthusiasm, in the general question of hygienic footwear. This vulgar analogue really expresses the situation here. With all its faults, the local Government but rarely makes itself felt as tight boots do. So many men are here with no intention of remaining. They are as easy-minded about their lack of suffrage as they are about the absence of Music Halls, Grand Opera, or fox-hunting. They look upon it as a temporary deprivation. Even the Chinese community, which theoretically should have the largest grievance, as a body really contented. It is only the more public spirited members of any of the communities, having ideals, and a more or less permanent stake in the Colony, who are at all earnest in this matter.

Granting then that here there is no question of a proposal to let the real majority decide, no question of putting the great democratic principle into action, there are still these proposals of the Reform Association to be considered. Are they fair? Are they expedient? Will they constitute an improvement of the existing arrangement? To-night's meeting is sure to answer these questions with a clamant affirmative, and it will then be for opponents to prove that they are otherwise. If things were always done sensibly, instead of conventionally, the Government would send an accredited representative to the meeting, to urge its objections if any, and to listen sympathetically to the arguments for the proposals, with a view to considering them before making up its mind. But Baron Bramwell's famous dictum that anything which is contrary to commonsense is probably not good law, does not apply to politics.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

There is no use of any "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it at last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable cures has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar—\$3 1/16-16d.

A shortage of some 35,000 pesos has been discovered in the funds of the Chartered Bank of India, China and Australia, at Manila.

Advices from Australia state that the Australian Government will add forty ocean-going steamers to its fleet within the next two years.

The National Assembly, sitting as a Constitutional Convention, will meet tomorrow, December 10, to continue the drafting of the permanent Constitution of the Republic.

Captain W.E. Clarke, Secretary of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at Hongkong is retiring in the early spring, when he will have completed nearly 42 years' service in the Company.

The General Chamber of Commerce of Canton is not up-to-date, according to Lin Fook-cheng, a capitalist who has served as a member of the executive committee of that organization for the last three years but will retire this year.

The Harbour Commissioners of San Francisco have given orders to rush facilities for handling vegetable oils in anticipation of immediate shipments expected from the Orient and the South Seas in the near future.

The Rev. R. A. Fandi has arrived in the Colony for duty as the Military Chaplain of England. The Rev. Mr. Fandi came from Egypt, and has been on Active Service with the Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia.

With the unanimous approval of the Allied Legations and the Chinese Government, the Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has agreed to take charge of the liquidating of the Deutsche-Asiatische Bank at Shanghai.

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Company announces that their liner "Empress of Russia" will leave London for Hongkong on January 12, instead of January 2 as previously published. This ship will bring a number of returning Hongkong residents.

The "North China Daily Mail" says:—"From an authoritative source we are informed that certain well known shipping interests have offered to furnish China with all the necessary transport that is required to repatriate the 4,000 odd enemy subjects at present in China."

We much regret to observe in a recent casualty list the name of Major H. G. Paine, M.C., a gallant soldier, who fell before the Armistice and after four years in France. A year before the war the deceased officer was a very popular subaltern, serving with the 88th Company, R.G.A. here.

The American Consul General is again seeking information from Americans in this district or otherwise concerned as to details of any property, either personal or real, owned by them and now situated in enemy countries. Detailed information along such lines should be given at the earliest date practicable.

The Sun Company, the latest and largest of the department stores in Canton, opened on January 4, is doing more than ten thousand dollars worth of business daily since its inauguration, according to C. C. Cheng, the general manager. So far only three of the nine floors of the building have been open to occupation.

The authentic copy of the information published in the columns of the "China Mail" yesterday, concerning the purchase of the Canadian Pacific Railway by the Canadian Government, has been questioned by the local office of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company. The "China Mail" gleaned the information from an American publication of recent date.

A draft for £279 15s 3d has been handed to the Naval Authorities by the Police Reserve Accountant in transmission to the member of the late Sergeant Harry Linfield, Naval Yard Police. This amount represents the profits from the Boxing organised by Staff Inspector Wilder on December 14, and includes donations by Sir William Ross Davies, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. N. J. Stubbard and Mr. H. P. White.

The R. E. Sergeant's Mess held a whist drive last night and very nice prizes were awarded to those obtaining the highest scores. Captain D. Watt, R.E. handed the prizes to the successful players at the close, these being—Ladies—1st Mrs. Overdon; 2nd Mrs. Lyth; 3rd Mrs. Allison; Gentlemen, 1st Staff Sergeant Lyth, A.S.C.; 2nd Sergeant Graham, R.G.A.; 3rd Sergeant Thayers, R.A.M.C.; 4th Mr. Miller.

The local Civil Service List for 1919 is to hand, from the printing works of Noronha & Co. The historical and statistical abstracts and brought up to date. One of the outstanding things in the report is the number of members of the Civil Service who have been "seconded for Military Service." The list also contains a complete roll of men who have left the Colony for Active Service, a roll of which the Colony can be very proud. The Hongkong Roll of Honour is a large one.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

RIFLE MEETING—JAN 10, 1919.

PRIZE WINNERS.

COMMANDANT'S COMPETITION.

Team prizes presented by Major H. A. Morgan, Major D. Macdonald, and Capt. G. E. Stewart.

Special prize for highest individual aggregate presented by H. E. Major General F. Vanir.

Highest Possible Score... 480

1st Team prize won by No. 8 Platoon—

Scores: Lt. Col. F. C. Goodman... 116

Pte. D. K. B. ... 101

Sgt. A. W. Bliss ... 97

Lt. Col. W. A. Morgan ... 94

478

2nd Team prize won by No. 5 Platoon—

Scores: Sgt. S. E. Green ... 96

Pte. W. L. Leask ... 93

Sgt. D. Harvey ... 91

Cpl. J. A. Lyon ... 87

371

3rd Team prize won by No. 4 Platoon—

Scores: Pte. E. B. Dorey ... 102

Cpl. C. A. Grimes ... 100

Sgt. W. H. Edmonds ... 90

Pte. H. A. Taylor ... 78

370

Prize for highest individual aggregate won by Lt. Col. F. C. Goodman who made 116 out of a possible 120.

BLAKE SHIELD.

An Inter-Company Competition for a Challenge Shield presented by the late Sir Henry Blake, R.C.M.G. & Co. Shield to be held by O.C. winning Company for one year.

A memento to be given each member of winning Team.

A special prize presented by Sgt. Manuk for highest score in competition won by "B" Co.

Scores: Pte. W. L. Leask ... 79

Cpl. J. A. Lyon ... 73

Lt. Col. W. A. Morgan ... 71

Lt. Col. F. C. Goodman ... 69

Sgt. S. E. Green ... 69

C.S.M. W. J. Battery ... 68

Sgt. A. W. Bliss ... 60

Pte. J. A. Plummer ... 58

544

Highest possible score ... 680

Prize for highest individual aggregate won by Pte. W. L. Leask with a score of 79 out of a possible 85.

FRANCIS CUP.

An Inter-Platoon Competition for a Challenge Cup presented by the late Mr. J. Francis, O.C. Cup to be held for one year by O.C. winning Platoon. Special prizes have been presented by Captain W. Russell, E. Ormiston, Lieut. R. Sutherland, and Messrs. Donnelly & Whyte to each member of the winning Platoon.

Won by No. 4 Platoon—

Scores: Corp. C. A. Grimes ... 63

Pte. E. B. Dorey ... 50

Pte. H. A. Taylor ... 49

Sgt. W. H. Edmonds ... 45

240

Highest possible score ... 240

A special prize for the highest individual aggregate has been presented by Sgt. S. E. Green and this was won by Corp. J. A. Lyon with a score of 64 out of a possible 60.

OPEN BISHLEY EVENT.

Open to all comers—200, 300, and 600 yards.

Aggregate prizes presented by Pte. N. J. Stubb, Pte. Geo. Hastings, and Captain G. Lamont.

1st, Lt. Col. F. C. Goodman H.K.D.C. 92, plus 4 per cent. for open sights, 95.65.

2nd, Naik Dalip Singh 74th Punjab 91, plus 4 per cent. for open sights, 94.64.

3rd, Sgt. G. Marshall, 1st G. B. Manchester Regt. 90, plus 4 per cent. for open sights, 93.60.

RANGE PRIZES.

Presented by Captain Murray Scott, Major G. D. R. Black, Pte. A. G. Coppin, Pte. R. M. Dyer, 2nd Lieut. W. J. Hill, Captain F. W. James, Captain Harston, Sergeant Mess, H.K.D.C., Pte. H. V. Looker and Pte. D. W. Tretman.

100 YARDS.

1st, Lt. Col. F. C. Goodman 32 plus 4 per cent. for open sights, 32.28.

2nd, Capt. G. G. Wood 31 plus 4 per cent. for open sights, 32.34.

3rd, Sepoy Akhtar Hussain 21 plus 4 per cent. for open sights, 32.44.

500 YARDS.

1st, Sirdar Khan 33 plus 4 per cent. for open sights, 34.32.

2nd, Naik Dalip Singh 32 plus 4 per cent. for open sights, 33.33.

3rd, Pte. E. B. Dorey 33 Aperture sight, 33.

600 YARDS.

1st, Lt. Col. F. C. Goodman 32 plus 4 per cent. for open sights, 32.28.

2nd, Sgt. F. Marshall 32 plus 4 per cent. for open sights, 32.28.

3rd, Corp. C. A. Grimes 33 Aperture sight, 33.

TILE COMPETITION.

Inter-Company—teams of 7 men.

Prizes presented by Captain F. W. James, Captain D. C. Wolfe, Lieut. Ryan Jones, Lieut. Templeton, Sgt. J. McIndoch, Lt. Col. F. C. Goodman, and Pte. F. B. Verrington.

Won by A. Coy. in 1.08 4/5 minutes.

Team—Sgt. W. H. Edmonds

Corp. C. A. Grimes

Corp. G. S. Archbutt

Corp. H. O. Lovick

Lt. Col. F. A. Wells

Pte. E. B. Dorey

Pte. E. Newhouse

REVIEW.

The Island Mystery, by "George A. Birmingham"—Methuen's Colonial Library.

Those who know the breezy, Irish humour of this well-known story-teller will not need to be told that "The Island Mystery" is a pleasant yarn.

Not being about the Irish it lacks something of the colour we have learned to expect, but it will satisfy his admirers.

An American millionaire buys for his pretty daughter an island in the Mediterranean, where she plays at being queen. The Kaiser has chosen it as a submarine base. Hence the exciting sort of complications to be expected when the war breaks out. The Balkan king who sold the island is a well drawn character. So are the Secret Service spy, and the intrusive Huss. How the heroine's lover spoiled the submarine base, and afterwards arrived in time to sink a submarine and get a bride, are details better left for the reader to discover. There are 314 pages of very easy type.

THE EXTRADITION CASE.

The proceedings entered into by the Canton Authorities for the extradition of a Chinese man and woman who were said to have been a prominent part in the robbery on Kwong Hoi City, San Ning District, on January 16, 1918, were resumed at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon before Mr. J. R. Wood.

The witnesses were cross-examined by Mr. J. H. Gardiner. They stuck to it that the two fugitives were prominent figures in the robbery and were the heads of the band. One of the robbers used to call the male fugitive "Lopon," which literally means "violent or dare-devil man."

Inspector Grant was recalled by the Asst. Crown Solicitor (Mr. Leo Longinotto) to give further evidence. This was objected to by the defending Counsel who said that Mr. Longinotto had intimated at the last hearing that the evidence of the witnesses had closed. It was eventually decided by the Magistrate that the Inspector should continue his evidence at the close of the cross-examination of the witnesses.

In the witness-box the Inspector testified that the sum handed by the female fugitive to him at the time of her arrest amounted to \$4,600, consisting of bank-notes of various denominations, and some American money.

Mr. Gardiner then applied to the Court on behalf of the female fugitive for the return of this sum, or in the alternative, for the return of \$500, which was the sum in excess of that alleged in the evidence to have been taken by the female fugitive from the witnesses when they were captured. This application was adjourned until the next hearing.

The proceedings were then adjourned until the 16th.

"B" Coy. were second in 1.18 2/3 minutes and Engineer Coy. third in 1.22 minutes.

CLASSIFICATION COMPETITION.

Open to First Class Shots.

Prizes presented by Major H. A. Morgan.

1st prize won by Major G. H. Wakeman.

2nd do Sgt. J. McIndoch.

Each scored 55 but Major Wakeman made the larger score at the "Jongest range."

CHAMPIONSHIP BOWL.

Championship of H.K.D.C. Bowl presented by the late Mr. J. C. Keswick to be held by Winner for one year, or until next Competition thereafter, when, on relinquishing Bowl, he will receive a small replica.

2nd and 3rd prizes presented by Private N. J. Stubb and Sapper S. T. Williamson.

Winner of Bowl Lt. Col. F. C. Goodman with a score of 93.

2nd Prize Corp. J. A. Lyon with a score of 88.

3rd Prize Sgt. S. E. Green with a score of 87.

Captain W. Murray Scott, previous holder of the Championship Bowl received a replica on relinquishing the Bowl. This has been presented by Captain G. G. Wood.

REVOLVER COMPETITION.

Open to all comers.

Prizes presented by Major Macdonald, Private E. Ormiston, and Captain M. S. Northcote.

1st Prize won by Capt. W. Armstrong with a score of 55.

2nd Prize won by Cpl. C. A. Grimes with a score of 54.

3rd Prize won by Sgt. A. Leach with a score of 53.

Highest possible score... 49

CORPS REVOLVER COMPETITION.

Prizes presented by Private F. W. Smyth, Private H. W. Bird and Corp. H. E. L. Dowling.

1st Prize won by C.S.M. W. J. Battery with a score of 52.

2nd Prize won by Pte. W. L. Leask with a score of 50.

3rd Prize won by Lt. Col. F. A. Wells with a score of 48.

Highest possible score... 55

The prizes will be presented by H.E. The Officer Administering the Government at the Smoking Concert to be held in the Theatre to-morrow night at 9 p.m. and successful competitors are requested to attend to receive their prizes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR MORALS.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

January 9, 1919

Sir,—I do not feel disposed to have the article I wrote at your own press as a reply to criticisms, to which you have granted space. I suppose your way of putting it is journalistic convention, but I cannot fall in with it, and must ask you therefore to be good enough to let me say that no criticisms have reached me, and that the genesis of what I wrote is correctly given in the first sentence of the article.

I sympathize, by the way, with your expressed desire for "some simple code" and a thorough observance of it. May I therefore commend a brief document known in the West as the "Ten Commandments"? The greater part of it is quite up-to-date, and nothing could well be shorter; the seventh of them consists of only five words, in the New Testament—quotation—reduced to—four. But, of course, we are east of Suez, which is exactly my point.

Yours faithfully,

J. KIM MACONACHIE.

THE CRICKET LEAGUE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—I think something should be done by the League Committee to see that the Cricket League is run properly, and that every team is treated alike. Notwithstanding the recent protest against the R.G.A. for postponing matches just to suit themselves, yesterday they played a league match against a weak R.E. team and won easily, thus going to the head of the league table. Every other team plays on Saturdays only as arranged at the beginning of the season, and I do not see why the R.G.A. should be specially favoured in this respect, and the league should enforce its decisions and make all teams play their matches on Saturdays, and on the dates arranged, unless of course, something unavoidable causes the match to be postponed. I am only voicing the opinion of many league players.

Yours faithfully,

CRICKET.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1919.

NAVAL MEN ENTER-TAINED.

TO TEA AND CONCERT.

There was a large party of Naval men entertained to tea at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home yesterday at 6 p.m., the arrangements for the tea being made by the Rev. and Mrs. T. Robinson and ladies of the congregation of the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai. After tea all adjourned to the Naval Theatre where a concert was given by the "Eurytus" Concert party, by kind permission of Commander T. S. Phillips. This proved to be a musical treat, songs and turns of varied descriptions being given that immensely pleased the audience.

A nicely decorated theatre, and adequate arrangements for the big audience were supervised by Mr. Bishop, R.N., and all agreed that the entertainment was first class. After the concert a large number of the men returned to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, where light refreshments were provided before dispersal.

FOOTBALL.

STAFF AND DEPTS. v. 83rd CO. R.G.A.

These teams played on the Military ground at Happy Valley yesterday. They favoured the Staff and Depts. without their being able to show much for it, the fine work of Taylor at back in a great measure accounting for this. Street and Ellarby worked many openings for the Staff but the other forwards were weak, although a fine shot from Birch struck the bar and was luckily cleared by the R.G.A. Garner and Johnson missed chances for the R.G.A., and then Street opened the scoring for the Staff. By this goal they lead at the interval. In the second half Kirby for the Staff, and Garner for the R.G.A. missed badly. Later Ellarby scored again for the Staff who won fairly easily. Result—Staff and Depts. 2; 83rd Co. R.G.A. 0.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, C.B.E.

SEBVOIE RIFLES.

Will be drawn from the Armory by members of Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons prior to the parade of these units as detailed below and between 4.0 and 5.35 p.m.

PARADES CENTRAL 5.30 P.M.

Monday, January 13.—No. 2 Platoon.

Tuesday, January 14.—No. 3 Company.

Wednesday, Jan. 15.—No. 1 Platoon.

Thursday, January 16.—Ambulance Platoon.

Friday, January 17.—No. 2 Company.

Uniform, Caps and Goggles, Rd. 1.

STRENGTH.

R.G.A. 636—Consolidated Water Police, is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony.

NEW FREIGHT RATES.

The Trans-Pacific Freight Bureau has issued from its Hongkong office as "effective immediately" a new tariff which cancels all others. The minimum

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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RUSSIA AND THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

NO REPRESENTATION LIKELY.

LONDON, January 7. The question now arises which part Russia is to take at the Peace Conference. No arrangement is possible between the Entente and the Bolsheviks, and the other belligerent Russian Governments are not yet entitled to the qualification of States. In all probability Russia will not participate in the Peace Conference. (Havre).

LUXEMBOURG.

FOR FRANCE OR FOR BELGIUM?

LONDON, January 7. The question of Luxembourg is in the foreground of politics now. The Grand Duchess, as an "undesirable," may probably be leaving the country soon. Some of the Luxembourg people wish for association with France, others with Belgium. The opinion is prevailing that her autonomy ought to be preserved even after changing the government. (Havre).

LEAGUE CRICKET.

R. G. A. HEAD THE LEAGUE.

R. G. A. "RECORD" SCORE.

At the Happy Valley yesterday, on the "Naval ground," these teams played a League fixture. The R. G. A. had out a strong team, whereas the Royal Engineers had their weakest team of the season, besides being without some of their "regulars," only mustering 10 players. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that after previously only just escaping the distinction of compiling the lowest score for an innings in the league, that yesterday they deprived the R.G.A. of this doubtful honour. Curiously enough it was against the R.G.A. that the Chinese Recreation Club scored their 20 which up till yesterday was the lowest score. This would show that at full strength the R.G.A. are a team likely to carry off the honours, their bowling being formidable, while in Sutherland and Sharman they have batsmen much above the ordinary. Yesterday Sharman compiled 66 not out, a good addition to his previous high scores, while Sutherland "logged" 53 in a very little while. Batting first, the R.G.A. declared at 175 for 5 wickets. On the R.E. going in to bat, Athorne and Graham bowled, and so easily did they dispose of the batsmen that a change was unnecessary. Graham taking 4 wickets for 13, and Athorne 5 for 12.

This result puts the R.G.A. at the head of the league table, with an equal number of points to Craigengower, but a match in hand, the artillerymen being undefeated. Scores:—

R.G.A.				
Gr. Perkins, c. Wahl, b. Waller	9			
Cpl. Mann, b. Waller	4			
Br. Sharman, not out	66			
Sgt. Graham, c. Heath, b. Purnell	10			
Sgt. Athorne, c. sub, b. Purnell	10			
Lieut. Sutherland, b. Heath	53			
Lieut. Torr, not out	20			
C.O. M. A. Talford, Gr. McDowall	1			
Lieut. Colman, Sgt. Drummond, did not bat	1			
Extras	1			

Total for 5 wks. (dec.)...173

Bowling Analysis.

Purnell	13	0	71	2
Waller	13	0	60	2
Heath	5	0	41	1

R.E.

Capt. Wahl, l.b.w., Athorne	12
S. M. Jewsbury, c. Sharman, b. Graham	0
Cpl. Waller, b. Graham	4
Sgt. Heath, b. Graham	10
Spr. Purnell, c. Colman, b. Athorne	1
Sgt. Betts, b. Athorne	0
Spr. Lewis, c. Sharman, b. Athorne	0
Spr. Connell, not out	3
Spr. Longland, c. Graham, b. Athorne	0
Spr. Jackson, b. Graham	0
Extras	0

Total...25

Bowling Analysis.

Graham	9.5	4	13	4
Athorne	3	0	4	12

LEAGUE TABLE.

Positions of the teams to date.

	R.	G.	A.	R.	E.
R.G.A.	6	0	1	18	
Craigengower	7	5	1	1	18
Civil Service	7	4	1	2	14
Rowland	6	4	1	1	13
O.R.C.	7	2	4	1	7
University	7	1	3	3	7
Manchester	4	1	2	1	4
Naval	0	0	3	3	3
R.E.	7	0	0	2	1

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS.

THIRTEEN Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion, or constipation they will do you good. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SIKH CELEBRATIONS IN HONGKONG.

BIRTHDAY OF THE LAST SIKH PROPHET.

Yesterday was the birthday of Sri Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th and last Guru (Prophet or Teacher) of the Sikhs and it was celebrated amid much rejoicing at the local Sikh Temple. There was a large attendance of the members of the Sikh Community and the compound of the Temple presented an animated scene, made very picturesque by the multicoloured dresses of the women and the turbans of the men. The day was one of deep significance to the local Sikhs as the present day Sikhism is the outcome of the teaching of this 10th Guru. They regard him as their greatest teacher and the five things observed by the Sikhs nowadays, namely, not to cut the hair, to wear on the wrist an iron bangle, always to carry a knife, to wear a special garment and always to carry a comb were commanded by him. The martial spirit of the Sikhs was promoted by him. The celebrations at the Temple yesterday began at 3 a.m. when up to 6 a.m. there was a special service in the Temple and addresses on the Guru were given and his writings (the Sikh Scriptures which are accepted with all the authority of a living Guru) were read. The rest of the morning was spent in social intercourse. There were further services from 1-3.30 in the afternoon and following this a feast, all the food for this having been prepared in the large-kitchens adjoining the Temple. The Gurdwara, or the Sikh Temple as it is better known is situated in Wanchai Gap Road on the way to the Race Course. It is a great boon to the Sikh strangers who have to spend a few days in the Colony to wait for steamers on the way to and from India. People of Hindu or Sikh religion are afforded lodging and board free of charge as long as they stay at the premises. This arrangement has been in existence for about 6 months. All Sikhs, out of employment are given shelter here under the same advantages. The building comprises about 10 rooms besides a large hall for the accommodation of visitors, quarters for the priest, an office for the Secretary and a large hall for conducting religious services and ceremonies, library, kitchens and bathrooms. All these are surrounded by a beautiful garden. At the rear of the temple is a crematorium just recently built. The institution is an expensive one but because of the pride the Sikhs have in it it is self supporting. The local Sikh community is glad to have such a place in the Far East where their deserving compatriots can be so hospitably looked after and their religion cared for. Three days in the year are celebrated as yesterday at each of which the Committee estimates to spend \$300 in the celebrations.

DEMobilIZATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO CARRY ON.

The Secretary, War Office, makes the following announcement:—

With reference to the retention of men of the administrative services of the Army it is now, and has always been necessary to retain a number of men in proportion to the strength of the Army in order to carry out the vital administrative work of feeding, clothing, housing and moving the troops and it must be realized that the more rapidly Demobilization proceeds the greater is the strain thrown upon the Administrative Services. The demobilization of the Army involves the continuous employment of men engaged in transportation and it is on this account that it is impracticable to demobilize the Administrative Services as rapidly as the combatant branches. By transportation must be understood not merely the Railway Men, Inland Water Transport Men, Dock Employees and Mechanical Transport Drivers, but the men engaged in the repair and other shops connected with these Services. Every endeavour is being made in order to keep down the number of the Administrative Services to the minimum compatible with speedy demobilization and a beginning has already been made with the dispersal of the Royal Army Service Corps, Army Pay Corps, Remounts, Transportation, Royal Engineers, and Royal Veterinary Corps who have received a percentage of allotments which is as high as it possibly can be at present and which will automatically increase as demobilization proceeds.

YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The fourth of the series of Club Championship Events of the season was sailed off on Saturday last and resulted as follows:—

HANDICAP CLASS.

Course	Yacht	Time	Corrected Time
1	Dione	1:30	1:24 50
2	Scilla	1:30	1:24 50
3	Scilla	1:30	1:24 50
4	Dione	1:30	1:24 50
5	Scilla	1:30	1:24 50
6	Dione	1:30	1:24 50
7	Scilla	1:30	1:24 50
8	Dione	1:30	1:24 50
9	Scilla	1:30	1:24 50
10	Dione	1:30	1:24 50

POSITION. Points for race. Points to date.

Yacht	Points for race	Points to date
(1) Dione	5	15
(2) Scilla	3	12
(3) Dione	4	17
(4) Scilla	2	10
(5) Dione	1	10
(6) Scilla	1	10

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Wayward Hays and Gail Classes

Wayward Hays (P), Gail (P), Cost Rock Buoy (S), Channel Rock (S), Distance 7 Miles.

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Course	Yacht	Time	Corrected Time
1	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
2	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
3	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
4	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
5	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
6	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
7	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
8	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
9	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
10	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11

POSITION. Pts. for race. Pts. to date.

Yacht	Pts. for race	Pts. to date
(1) Ailsa	5	15
(2) Scilla	3	12
(3) Ailsa	4	17
(4) Scilla	2	10
(5) Ailsa	1	10
(6) Scilla	1	10

KEYWARD HAYS CLASS.

Wayward Hays (P), Gail (P), Cost Rock Buoy (S), Channel Rock (S), Distance 7 Miles.

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Course	Yacht	Time	Corrected Time
1	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
2	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
3	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
4	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
5	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
6	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
7	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
8	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
9	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
10	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11

POSITION. Pts. for race. Pts. to date.

Yacht	Pts. for race	Pts. to date
(1) Ailsa	5	15
(2) Scilla	3	12
(3) Ailsa	4	17
(4) Scilla	2	10
(5) Ailsa	1	10
(6) Scilla	1	10

GAIL CLASS.

Wayward Hays (P), Gail (P), Cost Rock Buoy (S), Channel Rock (S), Distance 7 Miles.

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Course	Yacht	Time	Corrected Time
1	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
2	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
3	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
4	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
5	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
6	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
7	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
8	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11
9	Scilla	1:14	1:14 11
10	Ailsa	1:14	1:14 11

POSITION. Pts. for race. Pts. to date.

Yacht	Pts. for race	Pts. to date
(1) Ailsa	5	15
(2) Scilla	3	12
(3) Ailsa	4	17
(4) Scilla	2	10
(5) Ailsa	1	10
(6) Scilla	1	10

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CHURCHILL CLASS.

Course	Yacht	Time	Corrected Time
1	Lady Jean	1:10	1:10 00
2	Scilla	1:10	1:10 00
3	Scilla	1:10	1:10 00
4	Lady Jean	1:10	1:10 00
5	Scilla	1:10	1:10 00
6	Lady Jean	1:10	1:10 00
7	Scilla	1:10	1:10 00
8	Lady Jean	1:10	1:10 00
9	Scilla	1:10	1:10 00
10	Lady Jean	1:10	1:10 00

POSITION. Pts. for race. Pts. to date.

Yacht	Pts. for race	Pts. to date
(1) Lady Jean	5	15
(2) Scilla	3	12
(3) Lady Jean	4	17
(4) Scilla	2	10
(5) Lady Jean	1	10
(6) Scilla	1	10

ENGLISH RIGS.

Wayward Hays (P), Gail (P), Cost Rock Buoy (S), Channel Rock (S), Distance 7 Miles.

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Course	Yacht	Time	Corrected Time
1	La Cigale	1:10	1:10 00
2	Scilla	1:10	1:10 00
3	Scilla	1:10	1:10 00
4	La Cigale	1:10	1:10 00
5	Scilla	1:10	1:10 00
6	La Cigale	1:10	1:10 00
7	Scilla	1:10	1:10 00
8	La Cigale	1:10	1:10 00
9	Scilla	1:10	1:10 00
10	La Cigale	1:10	1:10 00

POSITION. Pts. for race. Pts. to date.

Yacht	Pts. for race	Pts. to date
(1) La Cigale	5	15
(2) Scilla	3	12
(3) La Cigale	4	17
(4) Scilla	2	10
(5) La Cigale	1	10
(6) Scilla	1	10

THE EX-KAISER'S HOST.

The name of the gentleman with whom the ex-Kaiser has sought shelter in Holland, is one familiar to English people as the family name of the Duke of Portland, the founder of which came to England in the entourage of William Prince of Orange, afterwards William III. The family gave India one of its Governors-General in the person of Lord William Bentinck, whose administration is always connected with the repression of sattee in India. Count Bentinck is a member of the continental branch of the family. He appears as "Debutant" as Count William Henry Bentinck, Count Bentinck, of Amroeg Castle, Province of Utrecht, and is the youngest uncle of the head of the family, Count Bentinck, of Wurttemberg and Middelburg near Amsterdam, Holland. This latter gentleman is an hereditary member of the First Chamber of Wurttemberg, a Lieutenant in the Prussian Guard of Corps, and was formerly an Attaché in the Imperial German Embassy in London.

ZALESKA-KIRILOFF CONCERT.

SPLENDID EVENING'S PROGRAMME.

It was a large and enthusiastic audience which was present at the concert at the Theatre Royal last evening, given by Madame Yawiga Zaleska and M. Kirilloff, assisted by Professor Danenberg. Those present included H.E. The Officer Administering the Government and party, and many other well known residents of the Colony. It was a representative audience and as the entertainment progressed it grew more and more enthusiastic. It demanded "more" repeatedly and at the end of the performance "stomachs" applauded the performers. This necessarily altered the programme. Madame Zaleska opened with a splendid interpretation of Chopin's "Polonaise A-dur". This work depicts the resurrection of Poland. By the fire and sympathy of her playing of this Madame Zaleska produced music which told the story and she played with a sense of balance and co-ordination and beauty of phrasing which made it a pure delight. The vision of knights in shining armour, riding to victory, the sound of horns, hoofs, of trumpets and the roll of drums were all made most real by Madame Zaleska. There followed a group of Chopin of the playing of which it would be difficult to speak too highly. In her playing of these she combined perfect technical mastery and perfect art and it is but seldom that Hongkong hears a pianist so intelligent and so full of emotion. From Chopin's "Sonata B-minor" she passed to "Victory Polonaise" A-dur at the end of which she received a most enthusiastic reception. M. Kirilloff sang the prologue from Puccini and the "Cavatina" from "Barbieri di Seville". M. Kirilloff is a singer such as is rarely heard in the Far East. The quality of his voice is wonderful, rounded, rich and full of the most appealing tones. With this he combines perfect training. Indeed, considering the great volume of the voice, his control over it and its flexibility are wonderful. By his singing last night he gave a new meaning to things. His breathing in long sustained passages was specially remarkable and his high notes beautiful in their clear roundness. Following a short interval, Madame Zaleska and Professor Danenberg played the well-known variation Beethoven-Saint-Saens and so appreciated was it that they had to respond with a bright value from Arensky. Following this Madame Zaleska played Padarevsky's "Mimosa" and Liszt's "Companella". As a finale M. Kirilloff sang two of Rachmaninoff's composition. But the audience would not be contented so Madame Zaleska and M. Kirilloff sang two duets—"The Barcarolle" and Ippolitoff Iwanoff's "Russian Valse."

TONIGHT'S MEETING.

Discussing the Reform Association's proposals, before they were amended, the Hongkong correspondent of the "N.C. Daily News" said:—

Then again it may be asked why two members should be elected by the Chamber of Commerce. The members of the Chamber would select two representatives and have a finger in all the other electoral pies. A merchant might possibly vote for six members of Council, a professional man for five, and the workday Briton, on the same footing as practically every other member of a cosmopolitan community, excepting the Chinese, for three. It looks, on the face of it, that we are simply aiming at turning Government by officials into Government by cliques. The day may come when racial distinctions and artificial barriers between nation and nation will be swept away, in preparation for a world as visualized by Mr. H. G. Wells. But that day is not yet, and Hongkong is a British Colony. We want Government by elected Britons, but it will not be brought about by setting up a number of petty "Electoral Colleges."

The Chinese do not want elections. They want their representatives nominated. Let it be so. Considering the size and importance of the Portuguese community it is only right they should be considered. Let them be given a seat. They can elect their own representative. The remaining five unofficial vacancies should be filled by Britons elected by Britons of pure European descent. The Constitutional Reform Association should re-draft their resolutions on these lines.

Joe Tang, M.P., has introduced a Bill in the National Assembly changing the name of the Military Government to Constitutional Government. It is understood that Tang Shengyuan, the present Chinese leader, is a former Premier of the Republic, is also in favour of the change of name. Besides Mr. Joe, many others believe that the term Military Government is misleading. The National Assembly has not yet acted on the Bill.

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KOBE	YUEHSANG	THURSDAY, Jan. 16, at Noon.
MANILA	YUEHSANG	FRIDAY, Jan. 17, at 3 p.m.
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STANDARD SHIPS.

An example of the new British steel standard ships launched this year is shortly to be launched at the yards of the firm of shipbuilders, which is one of the fleet of nine vessels on the way to pick up Australian wheat for certain Mediterranean ports. The steamer, which is one of over 600 standard craft, with names prefixed by the word "Warr," was launched in May last, at the yards of Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Ltd. She is of over 6,000 tons gross, and is built to Lloyd's 100-A1 class. She is owned by the Imperial Government in the name of the British Shipping Controller (Cairns, Noble and Co., managers). A cablegram published last September announced that Lloyd's "Register" for 1918-19 included the names of 112 "Warr" ships and 260 other standard steamers. In the previous register only six of these vessels—Warr Baron, Warr Captain, Warr Duke, Warr Grey, Warr Knight and Warr Patrol—appeared. Warr Baron and Warr Captain are owned by the Cunard S. Co., but are at present running to the control of the British Government.

SIAM AND SHIPBUILDING.

About 30 years ago the Siam flag was a frequent embellishment of the various ports of the Far East, ranging from India to Japan. The vessels which bore it were all sailing craft of some small tonnage. Siam is now showing that she can add to the shipping tonnage. Her first considerable effort in that direction was consummated on December 22 when the "Orient," the largest vessel ever built on the Menam, was launched on the west bank of the river, a little above Paklat.

The "Orient" is a teak-built ship of 152 feet on the water-line, 30 feet 5 inches beam, and of a moulded depth of 15 feet. She has been constructed during the past fifteen months by Phra Narai Noraseth, more familiarly known as Nai Lert. When she was well under construction she was purchased from him by Messrs. the East Asiatic Co., Ltd., and hence now flies the Danish flag in place of the Siam flag.

The "Orient" as she left the ways, flew the Siam flag at the fore, the East Asiatic Company's flag amidships and the Danish flag at the stern. She was drawing 5 feet forwards and 6 feet 5 inches astern. She is to load for South Africa and will then proceed to Denmark, where it is possible that she will be equipped with auxiliary motive power for which space has been reserved. She will sail under command of Captain Thelsgaard, at present in command of the "Krueng Thep."

In addition to the "Orient" another vessel of similar size has her hull almost completed, while preparations have been made for the construction of a third and larger vessel, of about 1,000 tons, on an adjacent slipway.

SUPER-SALVAGE WORK.

H. C. Ferraby, "Daily Express" Naval correspondent, writes that—

In a harbour of Southern Italy there is a warship that floats upside down. It is the hull of the battleship Leonardo da Vinci, and its present position is a great testimony to modern Italian engineering. The ship was sunk by an internal explosion more than two years ago, and in sinking she turned upside down. Her great gun turrets sank more than sixteen feet into the soft mud of the harbour bed and anchored the wreck there as firmly as if it were bedded in reinforced concrete. There seemed to be nothing for it but to break her up for scrap metal.

Certain men, however, had a plan. They built great little houseboats and placed them just round the wreck. Into these they put masses of machinery. They brought miles and miles of gigantic piping. They brought sixty expert divers. Then they proceeded to pump compressed air into the wreck. The divers cut patches on where they were needed. Week after week the work went on without apparent result.

Then it was decided that the gun turrets must be amputated. A great sling was passed under the wreck to hold the weight, and the two ends were supported by strong tugs. Divers chiselled and saved away at the thick armour, and at last released the hull from the anchoring turrets. It floated gently to the surface upside down.

I have walked on the keel of this uncommon casualty of the war. Great air bubbles rise round the sides from small leaks in the piping that carries the compressed air. The engines in the houseboats throbb and pump away hour after hour. Small tugs stand out of the rusty hull here and there, and out of one of them I saw a figure emerge more horrible than ever was imagined by the most decadent draughtsmen. It was a diver, coated from head to foot in mud, and he had slithered down the interior by means of one of the old ladders and had walked about the deserted decks on the ceiling and not on the floor, making repairs. Presently this upside down ship will be taken into dry dock to be rebuilt, and the Italian engineers expect to float her out right side up and ready to take her place again in the fighting line.

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NELLORE	26 th Mar. 1919	20 th April	10 th May

BOMBAY via STRAITS & COLOMBO.

S.S.	From Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
DILWARA	10 th January	27 January

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Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Sado Maru, 13,599 tons SAT, 13 th Jan., at 11 a.m.	
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Kitano Maru, 15,950 tons SAT, 16 th Jan., 11 a.m.	
London or Liverpool via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Tensho Maru, 7,000 tons TUES, 14 th Jan.	
Melbourne via Manila Zamboanga; Thursday Is., Townsville, Brisbane, & Sydney	Tamba Maru, 12,510 tons FRIDAY, 24 th Jan., at 11 a.m.	
New York via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, San Francisco & Panama Canal	Mishima Maru, 15,950 tons FRIDAY, 7 th Feb., at 11 a.m.	
Bombay via Singapore, Malacca, & Colombo	Milko Maru, 8,900 tons WED, 22 nd Jan., at 11 a.m.	
Calcutta via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon	Kamakura Maru, 12,410 tons WED, 16 th Feb., at 11 a.m.	
	Tensho Maru, 7,000 tons SUNDAY, 12 th Jan.	
	Taiwan Maru, 7,000 tons FRIDAY, 24 th Jan.	
	Shinchiku Maru, 7,000 tons THURSDAY, 23 rd Jan.	

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DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DETAILED
Liverpool via S'pore, Penang & C'bo to Liverpool via S'pore, Pang & C'bo to	Tamha Maru Mishima Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th Jan., at 11 a.m. On 7th Feb. at 11 a.m.
Marseilles	Luzon Maru	Owaka Shosen Kaisha.	On 19th Feb., at Noon
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan, &c.	Siberia Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 27th Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Toyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 8th Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Yokohama Maru	Yokohama Kaisha	On 13th Jan., at Noon.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	China	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 8th Feb.
San Francisco	Grotius	Java-China-Japan Lijn	On 24th Jan.
Victoria B.O., & Seattle via S'hai, &c.	Willis	Java-China-Japan Lijn	On 24th Jan.
Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle & Tacoma.	Ratori Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 15th Jan., at 11 a.m.
Australian Ports via Manila	Arabia Maru	Owaka Shosen Kaisha	On 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
Australian Ports via Manila	Nitoko Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 22d Jan., at Noon
Australian Ports via Manila	Kamakura Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 19 & 5 Feb., at 11 a.m.
Australian Ports via Japan	Kiya Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 13 & 5 Jan.
Japan	Anjo Maru.	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 18th March.
Shanghai	Barri Maru	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 15th Jan.
Shanghai	Tsuking	Douglas, Laiprak & Co., Ltd.	On 11th inst., at 11 a.m.
Shanghai	Sinking	Batfield & Swire	On 14th Jan., at Noon
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Shingun	Batfield & Swire	On 16th Jan., at Noon
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Mishima Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 11th Jan., at 11 a.m.
Swatow, Belawan-Deli & Penang.	Tonsha Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 14 inst.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Van Choue	Java-China-Japan Lijn	On 10th Jan.
Takao via Swatow & Amoy	Haiphong	Owaka Shosen Kaisha.	On 12 & 1 Jan., at 11 a.m.
Keelung via Swatow & Amoy	S'ch'eh Maru	Owaka Shosen Kaisha.	On 16th & 7th Jan., at 8 p.m.
Manila	Kaipo Maru.	Owaka Shosen Kaisha	On 15th Jan., at 10 a.m.
Java	Yueasung	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 17th Jan., at 3 p.m.
Haiphong	Longsung	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Jan., at 3 p.m.
Strait & Calcutta	Borneo Maru	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 14 inst., at 3 p.m.
Singapore, Colombo & Port Said	Liung Lung	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 13th inst., at 3 p.m.
Singapore, Rangoon & Calcutta	Nore	P. & O. S.N. Co.	At out 23rd Feb.
Bombay, via Singapore, Malacca & Colombo	Shirochiki Maru.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 23rd Jan.
	Ten-chin Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 12th Jan.

COMMERCIAL.

IRON MINES IN KWANGSI.

Mrs. Wong, Garrison Commission, at Wuchow, having discovered that iron mines are abundant in this province has suggested to the High Provincial Authorities in Wuchow (now suspended from business) to smelt iron ore, of which a great output can be obtained from the iron mines in Fuchuan and other districts by modern methods. A Chinese mining engineer educated in America has been engaged to start operations.

INCH KENNETH RUBBER.

The Inch Kenneth Rubber Estates for the year to June 30 made a profit of £19,002, against £21,077, brought forward, £20,701, against £22,204. Final dividend of 15 per cent, less tax, making 40 per cent, for the year against 75 per cent, to reserve, £22,000, against £3,000; £14,553 forward, subject to income tax, etc. The outstanding debentures, amounting to £12,300, fall to be repaid on December 31. Although the company is in a position to repay the full amount, the directors have considered it advisable to give the holders an opportunity to renew their debentures for a further period of three years at 7 per cent.

THE STAR LEATHER COMPANY.

The Star Leather Company at Pak Hok Chow, Honan, is now no longer in the experimental stage. It is doing fine business. The company has a capital of \$100,000 and was organized some three years ago. T. K. Ching and W. C. Ching, both at the University of California, are leading directors of the company. They are being assisted by thirty workmen. The company produces excellent quality of low calf in black, preparing to manufacture yellow box calf soon, together with Brown Russia. The company is able to turn out 100 pieces of box calf daily. Each square foot of this leather costs about seven dollars but they are able to sell at \$8.40, thus giving a handsome profit. The staff produced by this company is equal to if not better than the imported, according to the manager, but it is selling at least three dollars less than the foreign goods a square foot. The Star Leather Company is sending for more machinery and improved equipments and will soon be able to supply the local shoe-makers with most of their demands. The local shoe-makers seem to welcome the products of their own country-men and are patronizing them.

PROFIT SHARING.

The principle of profit sharing is rapidly extending in Australia, despite the opposition of labour agitators, who seemingly are alarmed at the prospect of workers being contented with their employment. The latest firm to adopt the system is the Dunlop Rubber Co. of Australasia, Ltd. At the half-yearly meeting of the company in November, the chairman, Sir John Grace, said that, since the last meeting of shareholders, a Share Purchase Association had been formed amongst the employees of the company, on the lines of the Metropolitan Gas Co.'s Share Purchase Association. This was an association formed amongst and managed by the employees themselves, to which they could contribute by handing to its treasurer small sums of money at periodical intervals, and these sums were jointly invested in shares in the Dunlop Company, and held in trust by the association for the subscribers. This gave those who subscribed an interest in the company in which they were employed, and was a good form of co-operation between the employer and employee. These subscribers would naturally be more interested in their work, feeling that a portion of the amount derived from it came back to themselves.

The directors decided to encourage this feeling by making this method of investment of small sums by the employees in the shares of the company a very attractive one, and they promised to allow to all holders of shares in the association whose interest in it did not exceed £500, 5 per cent, per annum on their holding, in addition to the dividends. On the fourth hundred 4 per cent, additional was allowed, and on the fifth hundred 6 per cent, additional. Should any one of the members of the association have an interest in it exceeding £500, no extra interest over that on the £500 was given to them, the idea being to encourage a large number of members who have a small interest in the association rather than large holders. It is now eleven months since the inaugural meeting of the association was held. At this meeting the objects of such an association were very clearly and forcibly placed before a meeting of the employees by Mr. Bishop, president, and Mr. Tai, secretary, of the Metropolitan Gas Co.'s Share Purchase Association, to whom they were much indebted. It had been a success from the start, and the employees had shown their appreciation of it by 1,198 of them (equal to 80 per cent, of all the employees) having become members of the association. The committee of the association also formed a link between the management of the company and the employees in the event of grievances of any of the latter requiring inquiry. The management of this association was entirely in the hands of the employees.

COMMERCIAL.

THE SYDNEY AND WIE EMDEN.

In the abstract of their proceedings for July, 1917, the Committee of the Deutscher Chamber of Commerce referred to their proposal that Calcutta merchants should present a piece of silver plate to H.M.A.S. Sydney to commemorate the destruction by her of the German cruiser Emden. They invited contributions from members, and a sum of Rs. 5,500 was raised. The naval authorities in Australia suggested that the piece of plate should take the form of a shield, and they submitted a design representing the coat-of-arms of the Sydney, that is to say, the coat-of-arms of the city of Sydney. Of this design the Committee of the Chamber approved, and they recommended that it should be executed in Australia under the supervision of the designer. They have now been informed by the Australian Government that the shield has been completed and they have received a photograph of it. They understand that it will be presented to H.M.A.S. Sydney in due course.

A SHANGHAI PANIC.

The "N.C. Daily News" of January 1 said: Thanks to the timely assistance of certain of the foreign banks, which came to the rescue with loans amounting to between £1,500,000 and £2,000,000, some 20 or 30 smaller Chinese banks were saved from total collapse during the past two days.

Shanghai has just passed through a very heavy financial settlement in a fairly satisfactory manner, considering the state of affairs that has existed during the past few months, though things may still be described as bad if not dangerous. The speculators had withdrawn their deposits in native banks during the past few days in order to meet obligations with foreign banks so far as possible, leaving the smaller native banks weakened through lack of cash to a point so near to a crash that it was imperative that the foreign banks should supply specie to avert a general panic, which was done on Monday and Tuesday to the extent roughly of £1,500,000.

There were no failures, and no repudiation of contracts worth mentioning, though very considerable amounts have been "carried over" into January at what would appear to be such prohibitive rates that it is difficult to see where any profits are to come from for the gamblers in exchange. Considering the state of the market, with so much money diverted from legitimate trade to be locked up in gold, it may be considered satisfactory that what was really a crisis has been averted so successfully.

No material relief of what amounts to an unhealthy trade situation still can be seen, however, until China resumes exporting her products on a large scale, and in this connection reference should be made to an article elsewhere to-day relative to the raising of export restrictions in the United Kingdom and the gradual release of tonnage for commercial purposes, which should indirectly tend to revive China's export trade.

Rains continued yesterday on the two Japanese banks and at one time in the forenoon there were 200 Chinese in line as the Yokohama Specie Bank, demanding silver dollars for their notes. Ample supplies, however, were individually small and, although the crowd was fairly large, it represented a comparatively small sum. To help out, the Yokohama bank supplied various Chinese banks with silver for the purpose of assisting in the note redemption with the minimum of delay. This occupied the staff to the extent that there was some delay in settling contracts yesterday, but there was no disturbance of the market in consequence.

It is believed that the run on the Yokohama Specie and the Bank of Taiwan must have finished yesterday and that the feeling of distrust for these notes, occasioned as usual by rumour, will have vanished on resumption of business after the holiday interval.

One interesting effect of the run was that the demand for dollars sent the dollar exchange rate from 22.1 opening to 74, the figure asked at the close yesterday. In other words, anyone needing dollars had to pay 74, 2 more per \$100 yesterday afternoon than on Monday.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs on the 1st January, 1919.

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